

**UNITED STATES COURT OF APPEALS  
TENTH CIRCUIT**

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To: All Tenth Circuit Criminal Justice Act Counsel

From: The Circuit Clerk's Office

Re: Applications for the 10th Circuit CJA Panel

Dear Counsel:

Effective January 1, 2006, the 10th Circuit will adopt a greatly revised Criminal Justice Act Plan. You will find that Plan at Addendum I to the court's local rules. As you may know, the Federal Rules of Appellate Procedure, as well as the Tenth Circuit Local Rules, can be found on the court's website at [www.ca10.uscourts.gov](http://www.ca10.uscourts.gov). Hard copies may be obtained by contacting this office. Pursuant to the new Plan, the court will be appointing an appellate CJA panel.

The application to become a member is now available on the website. You may return the completed application to this office. **Please note that although the court will begin accepting applications on January 1, the usual appointment procedures will not change in any way on that date.** We expect it will take a couple months to gather applications and to form the panel. We are requiring all counsel interested in receiving appointments to fill out the application. While this new plan will not change the court's general presumption that trial counsel will continue representation for the appeal, it will allow the court to develop a strong pool of qualified lawyers to take the smaller group of cases which, for various reasons, may require the appointment of new counsel during the appellate process. The court will use the panel, along with the special appellate division of the Colorado Federal Public Defender's office, as a resource in appointing new lawyers as needed.

We urge you to review the Plan carefully, and invite you to call the clerk's office with any questions you may have.